In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

17. (Amended)   A stylus-based computing system, comprising:

a digitizing writing surface generating a predetermined output; and

a display displaying a user interface having a plurality of soft buttons in response to the predetermined output, the plurality of soft buttons providing selectable functionality of a two-button mouse-type computer input device.

18. (Amended)   The stylus-based computing systemmedium according to claim 17, wherein the plurality of soft buttons includes a right-button function, a shift function, a control function and an alternate function.

19. (Amended)   The stylus-based computing systemaccording to claim 17, wherein the digitizing writing surface receiving a user selection of at least one of the plurality of soft buttons.

20. (Amended)   The stylus-based computing system according to claim 19, wherein the user interface is hidden from view on the display when the user selection of a selected soft button is received.

21. (Amended)   The stylus-based computing systemaccording to claim 17, wherein the plurality of soft buttons includes a bull's-eye function.

22.   (Amended)   The stylus-based computing system according to claim 21, wherein the digitizing display receives a user selection for the bull's-eye function; and

wherein the stylus-based computing systemsends a right-button event to an application displayed below the user interface on the display in response to the user selection for the bull's-eye function.

23.   (Amended)   The stylus-based computing systemaccording to claim 17, further comprising an inactivity timer that is started when the user interface is displayed on the display, and

wherein the user interface is hidden from view on the display when a predetermined amount of time elapses without receiving a user selection of at least one of the plurality of soft buttons.

24.   (Amended)   The stylus-based computing systemaccording to claim 17, wherein the predetermined output generated by the digitizing writing surface is a predetermined in-air gesture made with a digitizing pen.

Please add the following new claims:

--   25.   (New)   The method according to claim 1, wherein said displaying step displays said user interface near a point of contact between said digitizing pen and said digitizing writing surface.

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26. (New) The computer-readable medium according to claim 9, wherein said displaying step displays said user interface near a point of contact between said digitizing pen and said digitizing writing surface.

27. (New) The computer-readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said plurality of soft buttons is displayed near a point of contact between said digitizing writing surface and said input device. --.